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STURGIS SAID BUCHANAN NEVER ADMITTED THE ALLEGED RAID WAS FALSE. BUCHANAN TOLD STURGIS HE HAD MADE A RELEASE TO THE PRESS DESCRIBING RAID IN DETAIL.

STURGIS SAID HE WAS CONTACTED EVENING MAY TWENTY SIX, SIXTYFOUR, BY HIRAM GONZALEZ, ONE OF LEADERS OF THIRTHETH OF NOVEMBER, WHOSE ORGANIZATION WAS CREDITED WITH RECEIVING SUPPLIES AS RESULT OF FLIGHT. GONZALEZ HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS OPERATION WHEN HE CONTACTED STURGIS, EXCEPT WHAT HAD APPEARED IN THE PRESS. STURGIS SAID HE COUNSELED GONZALEZ TO TAKE CREDIT FOR THE OPERATION EVEN IF IT WERE FALSE.

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN, MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S ADVISED THAT DURING AFTERNOON MAY TWENTYSEVEN, THE THIRTIETH OF NOVEMBER ORGANIZATION SENT NOTICES TO THE PRESS AND SPANISH LANGUAGE RADIO STATIONS IN MIAMI, SIGNED BY HIRAM GONZALEZ, PRESS SECRETARY, AND LUIS NIUBO, IN CHARGE OF THE MILITARY SECTION TO THE EFFECT THAT: THEIR AIRPLANE TOOK OFF DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MAY TWENTYFIVE SIXTYFOUR FROM AN UNDISCLOSED BASE IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND DROPPED MILITARY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ARMS, AMMUNITION AND MEDICINE TO THEIR GUERRILLA COUNTERPARTS IN CUBA, LOCATION NOT DISCLOSED. ALSO ON THAT SAME MORNING, CLAIMED  
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MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S ADVISED ON MAY TWENTY SEVEN THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OR REFERENCE TO THE ALLEGED FLIGHT BY MEMBER STATIONS OF THE CUBAN RADIO NETWORK. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE FLIGHT, AS ALLEGED, DID NOT OCCUR. ~~(u)~~ Confidential

MM SIX THREE NINE DASH S HAS ADVISED THAT JAMES BUCHANAN IS DISREPUTABLE UNSCRUPULOUS, AN OPPORTUNIST, COMPLETELY UNTRUSTWORTHY, AND IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE FLIGHT AS ALLEGED BY BUCHANAN, DID NOT OCCUR. ~~(u)~~

BOTH MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S AND MM SIX THREE NINE DASH S HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION AND ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES IN THE MIAMI AREA. ~~(u)~~

U.S. CUSTOMS AGENCY, MIAMI, ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIRAM GONZALEZ CONCERNING THIRTIETH OF NOVEMBER ORGANIZATION'S PARTICIPATION IN ALLEGED FLIGHT. ALSO ATTEMPTING LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JAMES BUCHANAN.

ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

IF THIS OFFICE IS CONTACTED BY GENERAL JUDY, HE WILL BE FURNISHED SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE AND REFERRED TO CUSTOMS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE DEVELOPED. MIAMI MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND WILL SUBMIT LHM.

ENDWA.. GJR

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